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System and Method

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith.

Per 37 CFR § 1.98, the following is a translation obtained from Burg Translations, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois of the abstract of the non-English reference E.P. 0998062A1 enclosed.

This device permits the usage of conventional wireless telephonic terminals (TL1, TL2, ...) aboard, for example, an airplane. It is comprised of:

- a first sending-receiving station (T2) located on board of the vehicle and relayed to an antenna (AN1) located outside of this vehicle for establishing an external radio connection between this vehicle and a ground-based wireless telephonic network (R1) via a satellite (S);
- and a second sending-receiving station (BSS1) having at least one antenna (AN2) located in the interior of the vehicle, and being relayed to a base station controller (BSC2); this second station and this controller perform functions analogous to these performed by a sub-system radio in a conventional wireless telephonic network.

It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103, nor is this submission to be construed as a representation that a search has been made.

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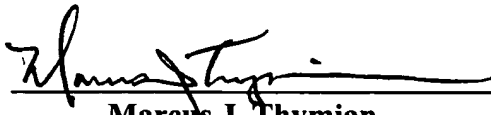
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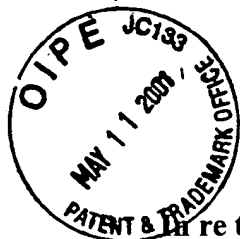
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:


- A. Form PTO-1449;
- B. 29 Cited References;
- C. Return Receipt Postcard.

2. With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required.

3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8:** The undersigned also hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 9th day of May, 2001.

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